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Revenue Offices Extend Hours On April 15

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue's regional offices located outside metro Atlanta will remain open until 8 p.m. on Friday, April 15 to accept state personal income tax returns from last-minute filers.

"This will be the first time we have provided this service," said Revenue Commissioner Bart L. Graham. "It will allow taxpayers, who work or have responsibilities that preclude them from getting to our offices during normal hours, to receive last-minute assistance from our personnel and ensure their state return gets filed on time."

The Revenue Offices in Albany, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Douglas, Macon, Rome, and Savannah will offer the extended hours.

Personnel at each office will accept a taxpayer's state return, receive payments, assist in requesting an extension, and answer state tax-related questions.

"Personnel in the regional offices are not authorized to accept a taxpayer's federal return because we have no way of getting the returns postmarked by the midnight cutoff time," explained Commissioner Graham. "Our personnel can only assist with state related issues."

Lithia Springs, South Metro and Northeast Metro Regional Offices will not be open for the extended hours. They will close as normal at 4:45 p.m.

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